

Subtitle E—Other Matters

SEC. 141. ASSESSMENTS OF MODERNIZATION PRIORITIES OF THE RESERVE COMPONENTS.

(a) ASSESSMENTS REQUIRED.—Not later than December 1, 1996, each officer referred to in subsection (b) shall submit to the congressional defense committees an assessment of the modernization priorities established for the reserve component or reserve components for which that officer is responsible.

(b) RESPONSIBLE OFFICERS.—The officers required to submit a report under subsection (a) are as follows:

- (1) The Chief of the National Guard Bureau.
- (2) The Chief of Army Reserve.
- (3) The Chief of Air Force Reserve.
- (4) The Director of Naval Reserve.
- (5) The Commanding General, Marine Forces Reserve.

SEC. 142. DESTRUCTION OF EXISTING STOCKPILE OF LETHAL CHEMICAL AGENTS AND MUNITIONS.

Section 152 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1996 (Public Law 104-106, 110 Stat. 214, 50 USC 1521 note) is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

(a) ASSESSMENT OF ALTERNATIVE TECHNOLOGIES FOR DEMILITARIZATION OF ASSEMBLED CHEMICAL MUNITIONS.—(1) In addition to the assessment required by subsection (c) the Secretary of Defense shall conduct an assessment of the chemical demilitarization program for destruction of assembled chemical munitions and of the alternative demilitarization technologies and processes (other than incineration) that could be used for the destruction of the lethal chemical agents that are associated with these munitions while ensuring maximum protection for the general public, the personnel involved in the demilitarization program and the environment. The measures considered shall be limited to those that would minimize the risk to the public and reduce the total cost of the chemical agents and munitions destruction program. The assessment shall be conducted without regard to any limitation that would otherwise apply to the conduct of such assessment under any provision of law.

(2) The assessment shall be conducted in coordination with the National Research Council.

"(3) Among the alternatives the assessment shall include a determination of the cost of incineration of the current chemical munitions stockpile by building incinerators at each existing facility compared to the proposed cost of dismantling those same munitions neutralizing them at each storage site (other than Tonale Army Depot or Johnston Atoll) and transporting the neutralized remains and all munitions parts to a treatment storage and disposal facility within the United States that has the necessary environmental permits to undertake incineration of the material

"(4) Based on the results of the assessment the Secretary shall develop appropriate recommendations for revision of the chemical demilitarization program

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"(5) Not later than December 31, 1997, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report on the assessment conducted in accordance with paragraph (1) and any recommendations for